

McNerney	Rehberg	Space
McNulty	Reichert	Spratt
Meehan	Renzi	Stark
Meek (FL)	Reyes	Stearns
Meeks (NY)	Reynolds	Stupak
Melancon	Rodriguez	Sullivan
Mica	Rogers (AL)	Sutton
Michaud	Rogers (KY)	Tanner
Miller (FL)	Rogers (MI)	Tauscher
Miller (MI)	Rohrabacher	Taylor
Miller (NC)	Ros-Lehtinen	Terry
Miller, Gary	Roskam	Thompson (CA)
Miller, George	Ross	Thompson (MS)
Mitchell	Rothman	Tiberi
Mollohan	Roybal-Allard	Tierney
Moore (KS)	Royce	Towns
Moore (WI)	Ruppersberger	Turner
Moran (VA)	Rush	Udall (CO)
Murphy (CT)	Ryan (WI)	Udall (NM)
Murphy, Patrick	Salazar	Upton
Murphy, Tim	Sánchez, Linda	Van Hollen
Murtha	T.	Velázquez
Musgrave	Sanchez, Loretta	Visclosky
Myrick	Sarbanes	Walden (OR)
Napolitano	Saxton	Walsh (NY)
Neal (MA)	Schakowsky	Walz (MN)
Neugebauer	Schiff	Wamp
Oberstar	Schmidt	Wasserman
Obey	Schwartz	Schultz
Olver	Scott (GA)	Waters
Ortiz	Scott (VA)	Watson
Pascarell	Sensenbrenner	Watt
Pastor	Serrano	Waxman
Payne	Sestak	Weiner
Pence	Shadegg	Welch (VT)
Perlmutter	Shays	Weldon (FL)
Peterson (MN)	Shea-Porter	Weller
Peterson (PA)	Sherman	Wexler
Petri	Shimkus	Whitfield
Pitts	Shuler	Wicker
Platts	Simpson	Wilson (NM)
Pomeroy	Sires	Wilson (OH)
Porter	Skelton	Wolf
Price (NC)	Slaughter	Woolsey
Pryce (OH)	Smith (NE)	Wu
Putnam	Smith (NJ)	Wynn
Radanovich	Smith (TX)	Yarmuth
Rahall	Smith (WA)	Young (AK)
Ramstad	Snyder	Young (FL)
Rangel	Solis	
Regula	Souder	

NAYS—48

Aderholt	Flake	Marchant
Akin	Fox	McHenry
Barrett (SC)	Gingrey	Moran (KS)
Biggart	Goodlatte	Nunes
Bishop (UT)	Hoekstra	Paul
Blunt	Honda	Pearce
Bonner	Inglis (SC)	Poe
Boustany	Johnson, Sam	Price (GA)
Boyd (KS)	Jordan	Sali
Brady (TX)	King (IA)	Sessions
Cannon	Kingston	Thornberry
Carney	Latham	Tiahrt
Carter	Lofgren, Zoe	Walberg
Conaway	Lungren, Daniel	Westmoreland
Davis (KY)	E.	Wilson (SC)
Davis, Tom	Mahoney (FL)	
Feeney	Manzullo	

NOT VOTING—16

Baca	Hill	Pickering
Bachus	Holden	Ryan (OH)
Becerra	Hunter	Shuster
Cantor	Jefferson	Tancredo
Conyers	Nadler	
Hastings (FL)	Pallone	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes are remaining in this vote.

□ 1431

Mr. GOODLATTE and Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. HALL of Texas and Mr. BURTON of Indiana changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMITTING AMENDMENT NO. 11 TO BE OFFERED AT ANY TIME DURING CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2446, AFGHANISTAN FREEDOM AND SECURITY SUPPORT ACT OF 2007

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 2446 in the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to House Resolution 453, amendment No. 11 be permitted to be offered at any time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2446.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

AFGHANISTAN FREEDOM AND SECURITY SUPPORT ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 453 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2446.

□ 1436

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2446) to reauthorize the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002, and for other purposes, with Mr. ROSS in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2446 and yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, the Taliban is back, posing not only an insidious threat to the people of Afghanistan but to our Nation as well. We simply cannot allow a resurgence of the Taliban. If we do, al Qaeda will once again be able to use Afghanistan as a state-sponsored launching pad for terror.

And so every schoolhouse door in Afghanistan is a threshold to stopping terrorism. Every new power line in Af-

ghanistan is a frontline in the war on terror. Every farm in Afghanistan used for legitimate crops, instead of opium poppies, is fertile ground for peace.

So we ought to look at funding Afghanistan as both good foreign policy and good domestic policy. Every dollar we invest now translates into lives and dollars we save in the future, both in Afghanistan and in the United States.

Our initial efforts, Mr. Chairman, in Afghanistan must be redoubled. For that reason, it was my pleasure to join with the ranking Republican member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, my good friend, ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN of Florida, in introducing this crucial reauthorization bill, which clearly demonstrates our long-term, bipartisan commitment to Afghanistan.

Our job in Afghanistan is not finished, not by a long shot. Yes, the Taliban was seemingly purged from that Nation in 2001 and a democratic government was established in its place, but we must not have a false sense of security.

The effectiveness and very existence of the Karzai government is threatened as we meet here today. As we speak, the volatile southern part of Afghanistan is aflame with clashes between NATO coalition troops and the reorganized forces of the Taliban. Make no mistake: Afghanistan is a brush fire that could ignite easily into an all-out conflagration.

Recently, Mr. Chairman, there has been an alarming return to the reign of terror against women in Afghanistan. Just today we learned of the slaying of a pioneering advocate of free speech, a courageous woman who owned a radio station near Kabul, shot to death in her home. This brutal attack shows how difficult the working environment has become for journalists, especially for journalists who are women.

So the Afghans need our help as much as ever. The teetering situation there is an echo of the instability just after the United States and our allies invaded that country. Security for the people and stability of the government are paramount.

Let me sketch, Mr. Chairman, the basic outline of our bipartisan legislation. The first title of the Lantos/Ros-Lehtinen bill provides much-needed financial aid for health care, energy development, programs for women and girls, assistance to combat corruption, and a crop substitution program to curtail the growing of poppy. Under this section of our bill, the administration will be required to certify whether any senior official in Afghanistan's provincial or local government is involved in the illegal narcotics trade and to take appropriate action.

Our bill also requires the President to appoint a coordinator for our Afghanistan assistance programs, including counter-narcotics. We mandate accountability in the effort to eliminate narcotics corruption.

Title II of our bill bolsters security and policing in Afghanistan, supporting the international security